

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Rooms 1&2
Town Hall
Stockport

Meeting: Tuesday, 5 June 2007
Tea: 5.00 pm
Business: 6.00 pm

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1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2007.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting (including whipping declarations).

3. CALL-IN

To consider any call-in items.

4. PCT CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING NON-ACUTE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

(Report to follow)

During the last municipal year the Health Scrutiny Committee received a series of presentations from the Stockport Primary Care Trust (PCT) on its review of older people's non-acute services. This culminated in the committee making its response to the PCT's statutory consultation at its April meeting. Having received assurances from the PCT and advice from the Director of Public Health the committee supported the proposals in principle. However, this was only on the condition that in the short-term the Cherry Tree service is maintained in tandem with the new service in order to ensure that there is no shortfall should the new service prove to be inadequate. The committee also made two requests for further information:

- That during the Phase One period set out in the consultation document the committee is kept constantly updated on the investment into the Independent Care Rapid Assessment Service, additional intermediate care service and the expansion in rehabilitation at home service.
- That prior to the closure of the Cherry Tree service the committee requests a comprehensive report setting out how the PCT has satisfied itself that the commissioned new service effectively manages risk, increases capacity in the residential and nursing care homes, and provides demonstrable improvement in the service. If the PCT cannot demonstrate satisfaction then it should reconsider the proposals.

Following the completion of the consultation the Stockport PCT Board are considering a report setting out the outcomes of the consultation. This report is being presented to the scrutiny committee to provide an update on the consultation, and will also offer an opportunity for the PCT to respond to the committee's recommendations. Due to the date of the PCT Board meeting, this report will be sent out to follow this agenda.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report.

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5. HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

(Enclosed)

To consider a report of the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Patient and Public Involvement in Health (PPIH) Forum, supported by the Gaddum Centre Forum Support Organisation.

The report gives details on the Hospital Discharge Policy of the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust 2006/07.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report.

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6. NORTH WEST REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE RECONFIGURATION

To consider a report of the Ambulance Service Trust.

(Enclosed)

Earlier this year Health Scrutiny Committees at Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Cumbria County Council agreed that a reconfiguration of ambulance control rooms being carried out by the North West Ambulance Services (NWAS) constituted a substantial variation. These committees formed a joint committee in order respond to any forthcoming consultation. Other scrutiny committees, including Stockport's Health Scrutiny Committee, felt this wouldn't effect patients and was therefore not a substantial variation, and there have not participated in the joint committee.

The joint committee has now circulated the NWAS's Service Strategy document (attached) as it considers that the proposals contained therein also amount to a substantial variation of service. The joint committee is again asking scrutiny committees if they want to participate. The joint committee is currently waiting confirmation on whether or not NWAS plan to carry out a consultation. If they don't the joint committee will have the option of referring to the Secretary of State.

The committee is invited to conclude whether or not it feels the proposals in the Service Strategy amount to substantial variation, and as a result the NWS should carry out statutory consultation, and Stockport be involved in making a response.

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7. SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL – ALCOHOL RELATED ATTENDANCES AT ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY - FINAL REPORT (Enclosed)

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy, Performance and Governance).

This report sets out the findings of the Health Scrutiny Committee's review, Reducing Alcohol-related Accident and Emergency Attendances.

The report suggests a number of recommendations, which the committee is invited to discuss and agree.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report.

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8. AGENDA PLANNING

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy, Performance and Governance). (Enclosed)

The report sets out the planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next three meetings, Forward Plan items that fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee and progress with resolutions made by the Scrutiny Committee at previous meetings for this municipal year.

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the information in the report and put forward any agenda items for future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

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